

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 98.075,
 3 F.S.; providing an exemption from public records
 4 requirements for records containing certain
 5 information received from federal agencies, another
 6 state, or the District of Columbia after entering into
 7 a memorandum of understanding relating to voter
 8 registration records; providing for future legislative
 9 review and repeal of the exemption; providing a
 10 statement of public necessity; providing a contingent
 11 effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 **Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section**
 16 **98.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

17 98.075 Registration records maintenance activities;
 18 ineligibility determinations.—

19 (2) DUPLICATE REGISTRATION.—

20 (c) Information received by the department pursuant to
 21 ~~from another state or the District of Columbia upon the~~
 22 ~~department becoming a member of a nongovernmental entity as~~
 23 ~~provided in subparagraph (b)1., which is confidential or exempt~~
 24 ~~pursuant to federal law or the laws of the applicable that state~~
 25 or the District of Columbia, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.

26 | 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The department shall
27 | provide such information to the supervisors to conduct
28 | registration list maintenance activities. This paragraph shall
29 | stand repealed on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and saved
30 | from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

31 | **Section 2.** The Legislature finds that it is a public
32 | necessity that information received by the Department of State
33 | from a federal agency, another state, or the District of
34 | Columbia pursuant to a memorandum of understanding, which is
35 | confidential or exempt pursuant to federal law or the laws of
36 | the applicable state or the District of Columbia, be made
37 | confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and
38 | s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Entering into
39 | memoranda of understanding for the purpose of sharing and
40 | exchanging information to verify voter registration information
41 | is critical to ensuring the accuracy of the statewide voter
42 | registration system. Maintaining an accurate statewide voter
43 | registration system is critical to fair elections in this state.
44 | Without the public records exemption, the department will be
45 | unable to receive certain information directly from federal
46 | agencies, other states, or the District of Columbia which might
47 | otherwise be confidential or exempt pursuant to the laws of
48 | those jurisdictions, which would impair the ability of the
49 | department and supervisors of elections to maintain accurate
50 | voter rolls. As a result, the effective and efficient

51 administration of the statewide voter registration system would
52 be hindered. For these reasons, the Legislature finds that it is
53 a public necessity to maintain the exempt status of such
54 information received by the department.

55 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect on the same date
56 that HB 1381 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
57 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
58 extension thereof and becomes a law.